

Farmington News

Serving the Residents of Farmington City

APRIL 2004

Main City Park & Community Center Open For Reservations



In a "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" Farmington City officially opened the Community Center. Citizens, local and county-wide dignitaries, and City Officials used scissors provided by the South Davis Chamber of Commerce to officially open the Center.

The Center can be rented for a fee, which is designed to cover

the minimal costs of operating the facility. Those wishing to reserve the Center or any of the new park boweries, should call the Leisure Services Offices at 451-0953.

General Plan Amendment Public Hearing Thursday, April 22, 2004

Farmington City offices, 130 North Main

The Planning Commission will conduct a Public Hearing to consider a major amendment to the General Plan regarding future land uses along the U.S. 89 Corridor and portions of west Farmington. The public is invited to attend and give written or oral comment.

Storm Water Utility Fees At Work

The City Council authorized implementation of new storm water utility fees effective October 2003. Since that time the City has been involved in doing exactly what it said it would do with the fees. Below is a summary of actions taken to date.

1. The City purchased a street sweeper to remove pollutants from City streets and out of City catch basins prior to entering receiving streams. One of the City's commitments was to increase street sweeping activities throughout the City. To date 141 tons of contaminated debris has been taken to the land fill. In the past this material would have found its way into stream beds. In the fall of 2003 several dozen loads of leaves from trees on State and Main Streets were recycled for cattle bedding for a local rancher. Since October, streets city-wide have been swept twice. The third round of sweeping has now started. Previously street sweeping occurred on an average of once per year City-wide. Now that spring has arrived, street sweeping will continue in earnest. After spring cleanup debris is collected in April, the sweeper will follow cleaning up the remnants. Citizens are asked to be patient during this clean-up time of year. Thereafter sweeping will continue through the summer. The overall plan is to keep pollutants swept up before they can enter the storm drainage system.

2. Since October approximately 260 storm water inlet boxes have been cleaned – from the City's south boundary to Park Lane (previously Burke Lane). The operator of the sweeper will continue to work his way northward until all of the boxes are cleaned. Due to funding and manpower limitations, this is the first time this work has ever been done on a City-wide basis.

3. The first replacement of storm sewer piping has occurred. This event was unplanned. The storm sewer piping on 1400 North failed. The cost of replacing portions of that storm sewer so far has been \$23,000.

4. The City has also implemented another phase of the proposed budget for the storm water utility fee. The City has hired a development review and inspection specialist. This position is being paid partly by development and building permit fees and partly out of the storm water utility fund. The new employee is Gary Cahoon. Gary's job will be to assist the City Planner with development and site plan approval, paying particular attention to drainage concerns and erosion control. Should the public see problems with erosion coming off hillsides as a result of development or mud tracking from building lots, please contact Gary Cahoon at 451-2383 to register a complaint. Part of Gary's responsibility will be to monitor public input in the years ahead. He will also be responsible to review City facilities and programs to assure that the City is implementing storm water best management practices.

City Information

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Garbage Questions ...451-2624

Storm Water

Maintenance.....451-2624

Parks451-2624

Leisure Services451-0953

Building Inspection451-2383

Water Department.....451-2624

Planning & Zoning451-2383

Animal Control.....444-2200

Garbage771-0273

FAPID.....451-2105

Weber Water Dist.771-1677

Public Meetings

City Council: Generally the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Council Chambers. Work Sessions begin at 6:30.

Planning Commission:

Generally the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 pm in the Council chambers.

Farmington City Hall

130 N. Main

P.O. Box 160

Farmington, UT 84025

City
Council
Meetings
Apr. 7 & 21
May 5 & 19
June 2 & 16

Planning
Commission
Meetings
Apr. 8 & 22
May 13 & 27
June 10 & 24

Farmington City News Briefs

Extra Garbage Collection Day

Sat. April 17

On Saturday, April 17th there will be an extra day of automated garbage collection. The City's contract with Waste Connection of Utah provides for this service annually.

The collection day is city-wide. Materials should be placed in the regular, roll-out black container and placed at the curb line by 6 am on the April 17.

No non-processable waste such as rocks, dirt, appliances, hazardous wastes, etc. is permitted. Only one dump of the container will be provided.

For additional information or questions call 451-2624.



Landfill Hours

Winter hours are over. The landfill and green waste recycling facility are open **Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 7 pm.**

The Davis Landfill is located at, 1150 E. North Hills Drive, off of Highway 193 in Layton. The green waste recycling facility is located at the landfill.

The Energy Recovery Facility and Household Hazardous Waste Facility are located at 650 E. Hwy 193 in Layton.

The hours for both facilities are Monday through Saturday 7 am to 7 pm.

Further Information, including a map to the facilities and recycle bin locations, is available on the facility web site at

www.wasatchenergy.org or questions can be answered by calling 771-5661.

Get A Building Permit

Spring is the time for building, adding on, or remodeling. When planning these changes to your home or business check with the Building Department at 451-2383 to see if you need a permit.



Woman of the Year Nominations Needed

Nominate a candidate for the "Farmington Woman of the Year".

Please submit a one-page or less description of the woman you think should be Woman of the Year.

Drop your description off at the Farmington City Offices by **April 9, 2004.**

For information call Kari Dutson 451-6553.



"Chair"ity Dinner & Auction

On May 12, 2004, Davis Behavioral Health is hosting their 2nd annual "Chair"ity dinner & auction.

The auction will feature unique chairs crafted and donated by local artisans and businesses. Funds raised will benefit at-risk children in Davis County.

For only \$50 you can attend this fun evening and enjoy dinner, entertainment & the auction at the brand new Farmington Community Center, 120 South Main Street.

For tickets call Jill @ 447-8887 ext. 302.

City Employment Openings

Job descriptions with pay rate available at Leisure Services Office Open until Filled

Recreation Assistant PT (seasonal)

Community Center Temporary PT Building Supervisor

Contact

**Leisure Services
100 North 720 West
or call 451-0953**

Citizen Budget Input Requested

In the next several months, the City will be gathering information concerning the City's budgeting needs for the fiscal year 2004-2005. Citizen input is essential at this time to allow for greater flexibility in the budgeting process.

A budget will be proposed to the Mayor and City Council about the first of May. During May, the City Council and Mayor review the budget in detail, then a Budget Hearing is scheduled for June to receive additional input.

Residents with specific Budget concerns should speak with Mayor Connors, any member of the City Council or the City Manager prior to May 1, 2004.

Volunteer Leisure Services Board Members Needed

**Contact Leisure Services
451-0953**

Citizen Alert

Just a reminder from your Police Department and Neighborhood Watch. Don't leave your garage door open anytime. Also, don't leave your car running in the morning to warm up without being in it or locking it. Be a good neighbor, if you see a strange car or van in your neighborhood, call the police.



Now Available Trail Guide Booklets

The Farmington Trails Guide booklet has been reprinted and is now available at the Farmington City Offices. If

you want to hike, mountain bike, or ride a trail on horseback, this is the definitive source for all the local trails.

Directions to the trailheads, interesting features to see along the trails, and detailed information on the trails is given. In addition to the latest Farmington Master Trails Map as a foldout, and there are 39 individual maps of detailed trail sections.

The Guide has completely been redone with three more miles of trails added for a total of 33.3 miles of non-motorized trails to enjoy. Information is also included on two exciting hiker's awards you can earn and receive a full-color, embroidered patch.

We are forming a Friends Of Our Trails Patrol to help with the trails. Members of the F.O.O.T. Patrol also have an attractive color patch to wear. Be sure to pick up a copy of the Trail Guide and get to the hills to enjoy the wonderful spring weather.

Plan Now Farmington's Annual Festival Days July 10

Planning is in full swing for the 2004 edition of Farmington Festival Days, set for Saturday, July 10, with activities and events scheduled all day and into the evening at Farmington City Main Park.

The festivities begin with an early-morning flag ceremony and 5K & 10K run and bicycle races. Meanwhile, a full breakfast will be served from 7:30 am to 9 am. The Festival Parade is scheduled to begin about 10 am, another edition of what's become known as one of the most charming small-town parades in the state.

After the parade, concessions and musical entertainment will be the center of attention through mid-afternoon in the Main City park bowery area. A hearty barbecue dinner will be served from 6 pm to 7:30 pm, prior to an outdoor concert, beginning at 8 pm. In addition, the new Farmington Museum will have a grand opening celebration.

"Jericho Road" will provide an evening concert. It promises to be a delightful climax to an entire day of fun for the entire family!

New to Farmington? You won't want to miss this fun summer event. ***There is still a need for volunteers to help with the various event committees. If you'd like to become involved, we'd welcome your help. Call the Leisure Services Offices at 451-0953 and leave your name and number.***

Watch future editions of Farmington News for more information on Festival Days. For now, block out Saturday, July 10 on your calendars for an entire day of fun, friendship and celebration!

The Cost Of Fighting Fires



In many communities, public safety services are the largest local government expenditures. On average, Utah local governments budget \$170 per person for public safety services. Farmington's public safety expenditures include police, fire protection and ambulance/paramedic services. If every property tax dollar collected by Utah's municipal governments were dedicated solely to the local government public safety bill, only 49% of the costs would be covered.

Why do fire departments cost so much?

Fire departments are very capital intensive. A new fire truck may cost in excess of \$500,000. Used ones, in good shape and do not have excessive mileage are also very expensive.

The primary reason fire trucks and engines are so expensive is that they do not come off an assembly line. Each vehicle is custom made and specialized for the department ordering it and the community benefiting from it.

Other fire equipment is also very expensive. Specialized nozzles on fire vehicles may cost as much as \$1,000 each. The special clothing worn by firefighters engaged in fire suppression (turnout gear) might cost as much as \$1,000 per set.

How is Farmington's Department Set Up?

While Farmington firefighters are considered "part time employees," they respond from their full-time jobs or their homes. The only full time member of the force in Farmington is the Chief.

Farmington's firefighters are required to certify and attend stringent training courses. They spend hundreds of hours training on equipment use. They also spend considerable time training for specific situations such as extricating victims from hazardous situations. The City pays for this training and certification.

Information courtesy of the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

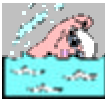
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Storm Water Utility Fees At Work

5. The City is now soliciting bids for five flood mitigation projects.

These flood mitigation projects are estimated to cost approximately \$1 million. These projects are located: (1) on 1400 North Street; (2) in the Bennett Circle neighborhood (Farmington Orchards Subdivision); (3) on north Compton Road near 1100 North; (4) at the 1420 South (Hillside Meadows Subdivision); and (5) at North Main Street/1400 North near Moon Park. These projects are to be constructed during this construction season. Funding will be through the issuance of revenue bonds that will be paid off by storm water utility fee revenues. Once completed, drainage control in these areas should be greatly enhanced. None of the items mentioned above could have been undertaken without the storm water utility fee revenues.

6. The storm water utility fees will continue to be used for purposes intended. This fee is paid for by residential property owners and by non-residential developed property owners including all units of government (including Farmington City developed properties). Additional reports on the storm water utility fund activities will be given from time to time in this Newsletter.



Leisure Services Department

Serving the area in recreation, aquatics, arts and special events
Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8am—12pm & 1pm—5pm
Located at 100 N. 720 W 451-0953

Youth City Council Appointed

Congratulations to the new members of the Farmington Youth City Council 2004-2005. Mayor: Rachel Montgomery, Secretary: Kimberly Mansell, Historian/Treasurer: Emily Shepherd, Director of Youth Citizenship: Andrew Davies, Director of Youth Volunteerism: Adam Davies. Other members: Matt Hansen, John Creager, Sarah Callister, Michelle Selin, Stephanie Wall, Nicole Welch, Rebecca Jenson, Stacey Guest, Erin Christensen, Tara Anderson, Elizabeth Barfuss, Laura Ashby, Lindsie Hill, Spencer McCoy, Allen Barnett, Leslie Duke.

Thanks to the old Council for a terrific year. Mayor: Emily Ward, Secretary: Kristie Wood, Historian: Loryn Stephens, Treasurer: Chris Wyss; Director of Youth Citizenship: Janna Siler, Director of Youth Volunteerism: Matt Hansen. Other members: Catherine Callister, John Creager, Adam Davies, Andrew Davies, Heidi Elliott, Melissa Fulks, Keenan Jensen, Kimberly Mansell, Alex McCoy, Rachel Montgomery, Megan Selin, Emily Shepherd.

4th Annual Historical Preservation Drawing/Essay Contest

The Farmington Historical Preservation Committee is celebrating May's National Historical Preservation Month by sponsoring the 4th Annual Drawing/Essay Contest for 4th through 9th grade students.

Students are invited to draw or write an essay featuring an historical location in Farmington or a prominent historical person. The winning entries will be displayed in Farmington's City Hall during May.

Prizes for the winners will be sponsored by local businesses.

Entries must be turned in to the students' teachers by April 18, and the winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the City Council Meeting the first week of May.

An Evening With The Arts Open House

Thursday May 6, 2004 Time: 7 to 9 pm
Entertainment Food
Community Center 120 S Main Free

WANTED

Volunteer Community Center Ushers

The Cultural Arts Council is looking for adults to serve as Ushers during Community Center events. If you are interested, please call Leisure Services 451-0953.

Farmington City Calendar APRIL

- 7 City Council Meeting 7 pm City Offices
- 8 Planning Commission Meeting 7 pm City Offices
- 9 Last Day to hand in nominations for Woman of the Year See article page 2
- 10 Easter Egg Hunt Woodland Park 10 am for children 11 and under
- 15 Mr. Farmington Pageant charity fundraiser, 7 pm Community Center
- 17 Extra Garbage Collection Day. See article page 2
- 18 Last Day to enter Historical Preservation Drawing/Essay Contest. See article this page
- 21 City Council Meeting 7 pm City Offices
- 22 Public Hearing on a General Plan Amendment 7 pm at the Planning Commission Meeting City Offices Amendment is regarding future land uses along the U.S. 89 Corridor and portions of west Farmington.

Note: Waste-to-Energy Facility Hours through are 7 am to 7 pm

Mr. Farmington Pageant

April 15, at 7 pm
Community Center
120 S. Main

Open to males from 12 to 25
For more information or to participate, call Miss Farmington, Cami Harbertson at 540-0184

As part of Miss Farmington's platform, this charity event will help raise money for The State Family Council.

This will be a fun activity for the whole family. Tickets are \$3/ person or \$15/family donation.

Coming Soon: Visit Leisure Services at Farmingtonut.com

Resident Early Bird Pool Pass Sale

Sale begins May 1
Discounted only for Farmington residents.
Family Pass \$100
Individual Pass \$40



Easter Egg Hunt

April 10
10 am
Woodland Park
Ages: 0—11

Free fishing pole loaner program

Want to go fishing but don't own a pole or tackle?
Come to the Leisure Services Dept. and use our poles and free tackle to land that BIG one!

FTC New Volunteer Coordinator

The snow is starting to thaw, and it is time to start thinking about getting outside and getting our trails ready for use. The Farmington Trails Committee (FTC) has a new **Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Paige Walton.**

If you as an individual or group are interested in volunteering for trail projects, would like to adopt a trail, or would like more information about how you can become involved with the FTC, please contact Ms. Walton via email at pw Walton@rof.net.